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SUBJECT: 19TH UNESCO GENERAL CONFERENCE: ANTICIPATED
SOVIET INITIATIVES

SUMMARY. DURING CALL ON ACTING PERMREP WARVARIV ON
AUGUST 24, USSR DEPUTY PERMREP KANAYEV ATTEMPTED TO
"EXPLAIN" SOVIET INTENTIONS BEHIND THREE SUPPLE-
MENTARY ITEMS THEY INSCRIBED ON AGENDA OF 19TH GENCONF
(NAIROBI, OCTOBER 26 - NOVEMBER 30, 1976), NAMELY
(A) DISARMAMENT, (B) CULTURAL AND SCIENTIFIC

COOPERATION, AND (C) STABILIZATION OF UNESCO BUDGET.
HE LEFT COPIES OF DR'S (IN RUSSIAN) ON SUBJECTS (A)
AND (B) AND PROMISED ONE ON (C) WHEN TEXT ARRIVES FROM
MOSCOW. IN COURSE OF ONE HOUR DISCUSSION, KANAYEV
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ALSO SHED SOME LIGHT ON SOVIET INTENTIONS CONCERNING

ISRAELI AND CHILEAN ISSUES ON GENCONF AGENDA. END
SUMMARY

1. SOVIET DISARMAMENT INITIATIVE IS WRAPPED AS
FOLLOWS: "ROLE OF UNESCO IN GENERATING A CLIMATE OF
PUBLIC OPINION CONDUCIVE TO THE HALTING OF THE ARMS
RACE, THE REDUCTION OF ACCUMULATED WEAPON STOCKS, THE
SYSTEMATIC DIMINUTION OF MILITARY EXPENDITURE AND
TRANSITION TO DISARMAMENT." THE PREAMBULAR PARAS.
MAKE USUAL REFERENCES TO THE "CHANGE IN THE WORLD
ATMOSPHERE, AWAY FROM 'COLD WAR' TO INTERNATIONAL
DETENTE;" TO 18TH GENCONF RESOLUTION 11.1; TO THE
STOCKHOLM DECLARATION, AND APPEALS TO UNESCO MEMBER
STATES TO ACTIVELY SUPPORT THE IDEA OF CONVEN-
ING OF AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT.

2. IN TERMS OF SPECIFIC PROGRAM, THE SOVIET DR ON DIS-
ARMAMENT CALLS FOR SERIES OF UNESCO RESEARCH STUDIES
AND/OR MEETINGS FOLLOWING THEMES: (IN FREE TRANSLATION
FROM THE RUSSIAN) (A) "DISARMAMENT AND THE PROBLEM OF
ERADICATION OF ILLITERACY"; (B) A ROUND TABLE ON "THE
ROLE OF SCIENTISTS AND THEIR ORGANIZATIONS IN THE
STRUGGLE FOR DISARMAMENT"; (C) A COLLOQUIUM--WITHIN THE
MAB PROGRAM--ON "ARMS RACE AND THE ECOLOGICAL PROBLEMS";
(D) A YOUTH SYMPOSIUM ON "THE ROLE OF SCIENCE IN THE
PEACEFUL PROGRESS OF MANKIND"; (E) A SYMPOSIUM ON "THE
NEED FOR ARRESTING THE ARMS RACE -- AN OBJECTIVE
NECESSITY FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL
ECONOMIC ORDER"; (F) MEETING OF EXPERTS ON "PHILOSOPHI-
CAL ASPECTS OF DISARMAMENT"; (G) INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
OF CULTURAL EXPERTS ON "THE ROLE OF CULTURE AND INTER-
NATIONAL CULTURAL COOPERATION IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST
WAR AND FOR DISARMAMENT"; (H) MASS PRODUCTION OF POPULAR
LITERATURE ON "DISARMAMENT AND CULTURAL PROGRESS OF
MANKIND"; (I) SEMINAR OF MEDIA EXPERTS ON "THE ROLE OF
MASS INFORMATION MEDIA IN THE FORMULATION OF PUBLIC
OPINION AGAINST THE ARMS RACE"; (J) PREPARATION OF A
UNESCO TRAVELOG EXHIBITION ON "UNESCO FOR DISARMAMENT";
(K) DEVELOPMENT OF SERIES OF RADIO AND TV PROGRAMS,
WITH PARTICIPATION OF LEADING WORLD CULTURAL AND
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SCIENTIFIC EXPERTS ON THE SUBJECT OF DISARMAMENT; (L)
PREPARATION OF ARTICLES FOR INCLUSION IN UNESCO PUBLI-
CATIONS, LIKE "UNESCO FEATURES" AND OTHERS, ON GENERAL
THEME OF "DISARMAMENT--IMPORTANT CONTEMPORARY PROBLEM";
AND (M) IN ITS FINAL OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH DR REQUESTS
THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL TO INCLUDE IN DRAFT PROGRAM AND
BUDGET FOR 1977-78 (DOC. 19 C/5) SEPARATE SUB-SECTION,
UNDER OBJECTIVE 2.1 ON "CONTRIBUTION OF UNESCO TOWARDS

BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF SOCIO-ECONOMIC, CULTURAL-ETHICAL, AND PHILOSOPHICAL ASPECTS OF DISARMAMENT".

3. SOVIET INITIATIVE ON "CULTURAL AND SCIENTIFIC CO-OPERATION ON THE BASIS OF MUTUAL EQUALITY AND INTERESTS AS AN IMPORTANT FACTOR IN STRENGTHENING PEACE, FRIENDSHIP AND RECIPROCAL UNDERSTANDING AMONG PEOPLES," IS A REHASH OF THEIR PREVIOUS PROPOSALS, BOTH AT UNESCO AND CSCE FORUMS. E.G. IT WANTS "TO ENSURE THAT THE

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PEOPLE AT LARGE HAVE FREE, DEMOCRATIC ACCESS TO CULTURE AND PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN THE CULTURAL LIFE OF SOCIETY", BUT IT CALLS ATTENTION TO "THE NECESSITY TO UNDERTAKE DRASTIC MEASURES IN DEFENSE OF THE NATIONAL CULTURES AGAINST THE DEADLY INFLUENCE OF A VULGAR 'MASS

COMMERCIAL CULTURE'." THE ONLY THING THAT IS NEW IN THIS SOVIET DR IS A SPECIFIC REQUEST THAT UNESCO SHOULD ORGANIZE THE "INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF CULTURE."

4. CONCERNING SOVIET INITIATIVE RE "POSSIBLE WAYS AND MEANS OF STABILIZING UNESCO'S BUDGET" KANAYEV SAID THAT IT REFLECTS HIS GOVERNMENT'S "EXTREME DISTRESS" WITH THE RAPIDLY ESCALATING INCREASES IN THE BUDGETS OF UN AGENCIES, INCLUDING UNESCO. ASKED WHETHER HE COULD BE MORE SPECIFIC, KANAYEV SAID THAT THE SUBJECT MATTER IS NOW UNDER ACTIVE REVIEW IN MOSCOW, AND HE EXPECTS TO

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RECEIVE SHORTLY SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS, INCLUDING TEXT OF DR, WHICH HE WOULD SHARE WITH US PERMDEL. HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT DOCUMENT 19 C/5 INDICATES THAT PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1977/1978 WILL BE INCREASED BY 38.7 PERCENT, "WHICH IS HORRIBLE ENOUGH". BUT, HE SAID, "YOU MUST REALIZE THAT AS FAR AS THE ACTUAL ASSESSED CONTRIBUTIONS, IT IS EVEN HIGHER, NAMELY 44 PERCENT. WHEN PRESSED AGAIN WHETHER HE THOUGHT THERE MIGHT BE SOME SOLUTION OR SOME GENERALLY APPLICABLE FORMULA, KANAYEV OFFERED HIS "PRIVATE VIEW" THAT IT WOULD PERHAPS BE "MORE JUST AND MORE REALISTIC" IF THE RATE OF GROWTH OF SUCH BUDGETS BE "SOMEWHERE AROUND THE PERCENTAGE RATE OF THE GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCTS OF THE MAJOR CONTRIBUTORS". IN CONCLUSION, KANAYEV EXPRESSED PARTICULAR DESIRE IN FURTHER DISCUSSING THIS MATTER WITH US PERMDEL BECAUSE "HERE WE HAVE SOME COMMON INTEREST."

5. KANAYEV ALSO RAISED WHAT HE CALLED AS THE "CHILEAN MANEUVER", I.E. AGENDA ITEM 75, INSCRIBED BY CHILE, CONCERNING "EXAMINATION OF COMMUNICATIONS ADDRESSED TO UNESCO CONCERNING SPECIFIC CASES INVOLVING VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE FIELDS OF EDUCATION, SCIENCE, CULTURE AND INFORMATION, ALLEGED TO HAVE OCCURRED IN CUBA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, UKRAINE AND THE USSR". KANAYEV SAID THAT IT WAS "DELIBERATE AND MALICIOUS TRICK TO DIVERT ATTENTION FROM THE MASSIVE CRIMES BEING PERPETRATED BY CHILEAN JUNTA" AND THAT USSR "WILL INSIST" THAT ITEM BE DELETED FROM THE 19TH GENCONF AGENDA. HE THEN ASKED ABOUT US VIEWS ON SUBJECT MATTER AND RECEIVED ACTING PERMREP'S REPLY THAT (A) WE WERE NOT CONSULTED BY ANYBODY ON THIS PARTICULAR MATTER; (B) WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT IS BEHIND IT, AND (C) THAT USG HAS NOT YET MADE ANY POLICY DECISIONS ON THIS OR ANY OTHER ITEM ON THE GENCONF AGENDA.

6. BEFORE KANAYEV DEPARTED, ACTING PERMREP ASKED WHETHER HE KNEW WHAT WOULD BE HIS GOVERNMENT'S POSITION

ON QUESTION OF ADMISSION OF ISRAEL TO EUROPEAN REGIONAL GROUP. KANAYEV REPLIED WITHOUT HESITATION THAT HE WAS RECENTLY APPROACHED BY SOME WESTERN EUROPEANS ON THIS SAME QUESTION AND HAS NOW RECEIVED "FIRM
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INSTRUCTIONS" FROM MOSCOW. NAMELY, THAT USSR IS FIRMLY OPPOSED TO ISRAELI'S MEMBERSHIP IN EUROPEAN REGIONAL GROUP. ASKED WHETHER IT IMPLIES THAT THE EAST EUROPEANS WOULD ACTIVELY CAMPAIGN AGAINST SUCH MEMBERSHIP, KANAYEV SAID THAT "WE WOULD OBVIOUSLY WANT TO SEE OUR POSITION PREVAILED ON THIS QUESTION". HE THEN ADDED THAT "AS LONG AS ISRAEL CONTINUES TO IGNORE UNESCO DECISIONS AND APPEALS FOR COOPERATION ON OTHER MATTERS, WE SEE NO REASON WHY SHE SHOULD BE TREATED DIFFERENTLY AND ADMITTED TO OUR REGION". BEFORE DEPARTING, HE SUGGESTED WITH A SMILE THAT "IN ANY EVENT, THIS IS SOMETHING YOUR GOVERNMENT MAY WANT TO TAKE UP AT THE HIGHER LEVELS IN MOSCOW OR IN WASHINGTON".
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